

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 19-20, 22-27, and 36-40; amend claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 12, 13, 21, 29, 41, and 42; and add claim 44 as indicated below.

1. (amended) A composition comprising formononetin and one or more isoflavones selected from biochanin, genistein and daidzein, in a therapeutically effective ratio of formononetin to said isoflavones of 15:1 to ~~2:1~~ 4:1, optionally in association with one or more carriers, excipients, auxiliaries and/or diluents.
2. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of formononetin to said isoflavones is from ~~10:1 to 2:1~~ 15:1 to 5:1.
3. (original) A composition according to claim 1 comprising formononetin and biochanin.
4. (original) A composition according to claim 1 in the form of a solid dosage unit.
5. (original) A composition according to claim 4 in the form of a tablet, capsule, granular preparation, buccal delivery vehicle or suppository.
6. (original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said formononetin and biochanin comprise an extract of chickpea or clover.
7. (original) A composition according to claim 6 wherein said clover is selected from red clover (*T. pratense*), subterranean clover (*T. subterranean*) or white clover (*T. repens*).
8. (original) A composition according to claim 7 wherein said clover is red clover.
9. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 for ~~the prevention and/or treatment of cardiovascular disease, or the beneficial alteration of blood lipoprotein levels, or to reduce the~~

~~risk of coronary heart disease, or to reduce the risk of arteriosclerosis, or in the beneficial~~
alteration or maintenance of bone density, ~~such as in the prevention or treatment of osteoporosis,~~
~~and/or in the prevention and/or treatment of bone fracture.~~

10. (original) A composition according to claim 1 which additionally includes one or more vitamins.

11. (amended) A composition according to claim 10 wherein said vitamins are selected from one or more of vitamin C, vitamin D, vitamin E, vitamin K, vitamin A, ~~and~~ or vitamin B.

12. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 which additionally includes a calcium containing compound ~~(0.5 g to 2 g).~~

13. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 which is ~~incorporate~~ incorporated into a beverage.

14. (original) A composition according to claim 13 wherein the beverage is selected from a nutritional beverage, sports beverage, juice, milk or milk alternative.

15. (original) A composition according to claim 1 which is incorporated into a food.

16. (original) A composition according to claim 15 where the food is yogurt, a food bar, a spread, hard cheese, soft cheese, cream cheese or cottage cheese.

17. (original) A composition according to claim 1 in the form of a pharmaceutical composition.

18. (original) A composition according to claim 17 which is in the form of a pill, tablet, capsule, suppository, dragee or sublingual dosage form.

19-20. (canceled)

21. (amended) A method for the ~~treatment and/or prevention of cardiovascular disease, or the beneficial alteration of blood lipoprotein levels, or to reduce the risk of coronary heart~~

~~disease, or to reduce the risk of arteriosclerosis, or in the~~ beneficial alteration or maintenance of bone density ~~such as in the treatment or prevention osteoporosis,~~ or in the prevention ~~and/or~~ treatment of bone fracture, which comprises administering to a human subject a composition comprising formononetin and one or more of biochanin, genistein, ~~and or~~ or daidzein in a therapeutically effective ratio of formononetin to said isoflavones of 15:1 to ~~2:1~~ 4:1, optionally in association with one or more carriers, excipients, auxiliaries, and/or diluents.

22-27. (canceled)

28. (original) A method according to claim 21 for the treatment or prevention of osteoporosis.

29. (amended) A method according to claim 21 wherein the ratio of formononetin to said isoflavones is from ~~10:1 to 2:1~~ 15:1 to 5:1.

30. (original) A method according to claim 21 wherein said composition is in the form of a solid dosage form.

31. (original) A method according to claim 21 wherein said dosage form comprises a tablet, capsule, granular preparation, buccal delivery vehicle or suppository.

32. (original) A method according to claim 21 wherein said formononetin and biochanin comprise an extract of chickpea or clover.

33. (original) A method according to claim 32 wherein said clover is selected from red clover (*T. pratense*), subterranean clover (*T. subterranean*) or white clover (*T. repens*).

34. (original) A method according to claim 33 wherein said clover is red clover.

35. (original) A method according to claim 21 wherein the human subject is a pre-menopausal, menopausal or post-menopausal woman.

36-40. (canceled)

41. (amended) A method according to claim 21 ~~which is a method~~ for the prevention or treatment of bone fracture.
42. (amended) A method according to claim 41 wherein said method is a method of preventing or ~~treatment~~ treating fractures involving bone with predominant cortical bone tissue.
43. (original) A method according to claim 42 wherein said bone is selected from the femoral neck, femur, humerus, radius, ulna or tibia bone.
44. (new) A composition according to claim 1 for the prevention or treatment of osteoporosis.